1. [consider](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/consider)

deem to be

*Or I could have gotten one of the gang to come along, one of the four boys Darry and Soda and I have grown up with and****consider****family.*

1. [conscious](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/conscious)

having awareness of surroundings and sensations and thoughts

*I remembered Johnny—his face all cut up and bruised, and I remembered how he had cried when we found him, half-****conscious****, in the corner lot.*

1. [perspiration](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/perspiration)

salty fluid secreted by sweat glands

*I could feel my palms getting clammy and the****perspiration****running down my back.*

1. [suffocate](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/suffocate)

die from lack of oxygen

*I could smell English Leather shaving lotion and stale tobacco, and I wondered foolishly if I would****suffocate****before they did anything.*

1. [sympathetic](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/sympathetic)

expressing compassion or friendly fellow feelings

*His eyes are dark brown—lively, dancing, recklessly laughing eyes that can be gentle and****sympathetic****one moment and blazing with anger the next.*

1. [acquire](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/acquire)

win something through one's efforts

*He was famous for shoplifting and his black-handled switchblade (which he couldn’t have****acquired****without his first talent), and he was always smarting off to the cops.*

1. [unfathomable](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/unfathomable)

impossible to come to understand

*He liked fights, blondes, and for some****unfathomable****reason, school.*

1. [organized](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/organized)

methodical and efficient in arrangement or function

*In New York, Dally blew off steam in gang fights, but here,****organized****gangs are rarities—there are just small bunches of friends who stick together, and the warfare is between the social classes.*

1. [suspicious](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/suspicious)

openly distrustful and unwilling to confide

*He had a nervous,****suspicious****look in his eyes, and that beating he got from the Socs didn’t help matters.*

1. [surround](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/surround)

extend on all sides of simultaneously; encircle

*Lying beside Soda, staring at the wall, I kept remembering the faces of the Socs as they****surrounded****me, that blue madras shirt the blond was wearing, and I could still hear a thick voice: “Need a haircut, greaser?”*

1. [savvy](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/savvy)

get the meaning of something

*“Listen, kiddo, when Darry hollers at you ... he don’t mean nothin’. He’s just got more worries than somebody his age ought to. Don’t take him serious ... you dig, Pony? Don’t let him bug you. He’s really proud of you ’cause you’re so brainy. It’s just because you’re the baby—I mean, he loves you a lot.****Savvy****?”*

"Savvy" is used here as a question that means the same as "you dig?" As a noun, it means "common sense" and as an adjective, it means "having common sense." So a savvy person has savvy, savvy?

1. [appeal](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/appeal)

be attractive to

*Two-Bit or Steve or even Soda would have gone right along with him, just to see if they could embarrass the girls, but that kind of kicks just doesn’t****appeal****to me.*

1. [incredulous](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/incredulous)

not disposed or willing to believe; unbelieving

*She gave him an****incredulous****look; and then she threw her Coke in his face.*

1. [hesitation](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/hesitation)

indecision in speech or action

*If it had been me, or Two-Bit, or Soda or Steve, or anyone but Johnny, Dally would have flattened him without a moment’s****hesitation****.*

1. [rebellious](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/rebellious)

resisting control or authority

*Living in those conditions might have turned someone else****rebellious****and bitter; it was killing Johnny.*